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IN RE APPLICATION OF HARUHIRO NISHIKUBO

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METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Dear Sir:

Before examining the present application, please amend as follows: